The Andover Townsman

Andover's Own Weekly Newsmagazine

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CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY

NEW YEAR

TO ALL

December 25, 1947 **Price: 5 Cents**

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PLAY AND PAGEANT OPEN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

NATIVITY SCENE (top) from the Old-Fashioned Christmas Festival pageant staged in the Memorial Auditorium last Sunday by the choral society of Stowe school. (Below) members of the choral group who won so much praise for their singing. (Look Photos)

Program Enjoyed by Capacity Audience

Before a large appreciative audience Andover's first real old-fashioned Christmas festival program was opened Sunday afternoon when pupils of the various public schools presented a play and pageant in the Memorial auditorium.

The capacity crowd that was attracted to the presentation included various town officials, members of the school committee, presidents of the Central, Ballardvale and Shawsheen Parent-Teachers associations, and the P. T. A. council, Miss Ethel H. Tewksbury, who wrote the pageant, "Symbols of Christmas," and Vincent Treanor of the Christmas committee. They occupied a reserved section in the auditorium.

Members of the Junior high school dramatic club under the direction of Miss Mabel Marshall presented the three-act play "The Birds' Christmas Carol," by Kate Douglas Wiggins. This group displayed unusual talent in the various roles, while Lucille Spinella was outstanding in the part of Mrs. Ruggles. The play was very well received and elicited much favorable comment from the audience.

The pageant by Miss Tewksbury was presented by pupils of the Stowe choral society under the direction of Miss Catherine Barrett, assisted by the teachers. The musical part of the program, which was broadcast, was under the direction of Mr. Marion McArdle.

Talented singers of the school, which comprises fourth to sixth grade pupils, were exceptionally good in their singing and speaking parts and held the attention of the audience as they progressed through the various stages of the scenes which built up to the closing Manger scene. The costumes of the girls in pastel shades, and those of the boys as shepherds in more somber hues, added a colorful backdrop to the presentation.

ANNOUNCE NAMES OF PRIZE WINNERS

One of the principal features of the Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration was the awarding of numerous prizes for several things related to the festival.

Committees of the different donating organizations spent considerable time in making their selections and the results are the result of careful study and consideration.

Names of the prize winners were to have been announced at the program of carol singing in front of the town hall Tuesday night but owning to the fall of snow which created some traffic difficulties, that part of the program was eliminated and the names of the winners broadcast Wednesday.

The prize winners and the organizations donating them are as follows:

November Club—for the best store interior—Cross Coal Co.

Merchants' Committee — best store exterior, selected by the Library staff, Andover Gift House.

Historical Society — best costumes, woman's Mrs. Persis Crawford, period of 1800; man's, Santa Claus.

Garden club—best doorways, members, first, Mrs. Thomas Emmons, 53 School street; second, Mrs. Annette Curran, 49 Salem street; non-members, first, Mrs. Francis E. Steinert, 180 Elm street; second, Mrs. Gordon Coutts, 34 High street.

Christmas committee—floats by childern, first, Hobby club, decorated sleigh; second, Boy Scouts, Santa in chimney; third, Punchard ninth grade, Scrooge Doorway, fourth, Pike school, doll house.

Shawsheen Woman's club — best decorated Christmas tree—won by Mrs. R. W. Maynard, 1 Jensen road,

The Shawsheen school and the Sacred Heart school were awarded prizes for their decorations.

Owing to the inclement weather the committee found it impossible to visit some of the outlying sections of the town where many attractive decorations could be viewed.

YOUNGSTERS THRILLED BY SANTA'S VISIT

Swarm About Him As He Arrives In Town With Gifts

Santa Claus arrived in Andover Tuesday afternoon and amid the hubbub of exciting gasps and cheers from starry-eyed youngsters, proceeded to take the leading role in the town's old-fashioned Christmas festival.

And what a reception he received!

Carrying a great pack of good things the jolly old gentleman landed safely on Main street at Chapel avenue just at 3 o'clock where he received a hearty welcome from townsfolk who had eagerly awaited his arrival.

Of course he did not have his famous reindeer with him on Tuesday's trip, for he had left his legendary team of Dasher and Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid, Donder and Blitzen, at his North Pole workshop to rest up for the big workout of Christmas eve.

Old King Winter heard of Andover's celebration too, and he cooperated by spreading a flaky white blanket of snow over the town to add a real Christmas-card winter setting to the festivities.

His contribution was greatly enjoyed by the young folk but it was a little too deep and blustery for certain features that had been planned.

The Punchard high school girls' band had to cancel its appearance, but Harold Phinney supplied a sound truck for the occasion. Several horses were to have been used on the old-fashioned carriages but as the were unprepared for snow and were without caulks it was decided not to use them.

But Santa was welcome, just the same, as he came prepared to do something special for his little friends in Andover, even though it was two days before Christmas.

With a merry laugh and a wave of his hand he hopped into a ready pung and started down Main street with an escort that comprised the sound truck, townspeople in vehicles of ancient vintage, and an array of floats made by school boys and other organizations.

That part of the parade made of the groups in costume riding in antique carriages added a distinctive old-fashioned touch to the festivities, but again the driving snow and wind curtailed some of this feature, as several persons in somewhat flimsy creations of the past could not brave the elements under those conditions. However, an old-fashioned opera coach, a doctor's buggy, a Brougham, a Victoria, and a Democrat was moved along in line, other vehicles having to be left out because of the decision not to use horses.

But as Santa came along he was surrounded by a swarm of young admirers who followed him as he circled the square and returned to the town hall. Here he established temporary headquarters and as the youngsters gathered around him, he opened his pack and drew forth packages of fruit and candies which he distributed with lavish hand.

His actions were cheered to the echo by the hundreds milling about him, but as they drew their gifts they slowly started homeward allowing Santa to hurry back to the North Pole to get ready for his big journey on Christmas eve.

SMILING GROUP OF ANGELS appearing in the pageant presented by the Stowe school choral society at the Memorial auditorium last Sunday to open the Old-Fashioned Christmas Festival program. (Look Photo)

Mayoress Sends Christmas Greeting

Mrs. Frederick B. Noss, wife of the pastor of the South Church, recently wrote to Mrs. Maude Sainsbury, mayoress of Andover, England, a letter containing Christmas greetings and a brief word of the plan to send food packages overseas.

Mrs. Noss' letter and the cablegram that came in reply are as follows:

South Church
Andover, Mass.
Thursday, Dec. 11, 1947

Mrs. Maude Sainsbury;
Andover, England,

My dear Mrs. Sainsbury:

All is bright sunshine on bright snow here today, and though it is cold out-of-doors, our hearts are very warm as we spend this afternoon thinking of you.

In other days, when transportation allowed, we packed boxes for greeting our friends in the "younger churches" of the East. But this year the pull has been toward your area and in thinking of your good-will visit to us a year and a half ago, we really wish to have a party with you today again!

So some of the women folk of our church, instead of having a party for ourselves, in this Advent season, are bringing refreshments rather than receiving them, and are sending them to you in the hope that you may share them with your Andover neighbors. We pray that things may never be so dark but that some light of friendship, a gesture such as this, may be but a token of our continued thoughts of you, as we work for peace and liberty in whatever ways are open for us.

May the little folk among you be merry at Christmas time and peace in the heart be yours this season.

Our affectionate greeting to you who have worshipped with us in our church.

Sincerely yours,
Emily M. Noss.

In reply to the letter Mrs. Noss received the following cablegram:
Mrs. Noss, South Church
39 Bartlet street, Andover, Mass.

Delighted with your letter. Writing to you. Happy Christmas and God bless you all.

Sainsbury, Andover, England.

APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR

Judge John A. Costello in Probate court, Salem, allowed letters of administration on the estate of the late Jeremiah J. Twomey. Hilda D. Twomey was appointed administratrix.

NATIVITY SCENE

Motorists are invited to drive into the opera garden on Porter roadwhere a beautifully illuminated Nativity scene may be viewed from their machines from 5 to 10 p. m. daily until Sunday, January 4. The scene will not be illuminated on stormy nights.

Horace Killam, Jr., of Porter road, a student at the N. E. Conservatory of Music, has been awarded a $100 scholarship awarded annually to seniors in high schools who have outstanding musical ability and a good scholastic record. Mr. Killam is organist at the Trinitarian Congregational church. North Anrover.

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The name of John J. Murnane of Andover street, Ballardvae, appeared on the list recently released by the Civil Service commission of veterans eligible for appointment to the fire department.

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LOCAL BOYS HOME FROM GOV. DUMMER

So. Byfield—Dr. J. Edgar Park, president emeritus of Wheaton College, Norton, was the guest speaker at Governor Dummer Academy's annual Christmas dinner which was held recently in the Lang gymnasium. At the dinner, which is held each year to honor the school football and soccer teams, it was announced that A. Brockelman Martin of Louisville, Kentucky, will captain the footbal team next year and that John Edwin Veasey of Haverhill, Mass., will be captain of soccer.

Local boys returning from Governor Dummer for the Christmas vacation with their parents are; John C. Gallagher, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Roswell Gallagher, 51 Highland road, who was a member of the junior varsity soccer team and was on the honor roll for October and November; Robert S. Godfrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Godfrey, 33 Pasho street, who was a member of the junior varsity soccer team, and was also a member of the Rifle Club and Glee club; Allen B. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving E. Rogers, Sunset Rock road, who was a member of the varsity football team and a member of the Glee club; and James Weldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Weldon, 1 Johnson road, who was the manager of the varsity football team and a member of the Glee club.

Service Schools For ERC Members

A partial list of service schools now available to members of the Enlisted Reserve corps has been issued from the office of the state instructor located at the Army base, Boston. The only pre-requisite for attendance, in addition to being in the ERC, is a physical eamination.

The transportation school at Ft. Eustice, Va., in one of the schools listed. New courses starts every two weeks. Subjects included during the instruction periods are those for automotive mechanic, second echelon; boilermaker, carpenter, heavy construction steamfitter, rigger, ships carpenter, amphibious truck mechanic, marine engine mechanic, shipfitter, locomotive mechanic, diesel or steam; and marine oiler.

The ordnance school at the Aberdeen proving grounds, Md., is also available. Among the subjects offered are; machinist, combination welder, ordnance parts clerk, watchrepairman, small arms weapons mechanic, track and wheel vehicle electrician, light artillery mechanic, fire control repairman and fuel induction mechanic.

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—Elinor F. Cole - 1947

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Old-Fashioned Festival To Be Annual Event

Its Varied Features Contributed To Making Christmas a Merry One

Andover's first real old-fashioned Christmas festival has successfully passed into history with a memorable program that contributed in a large measure to make the 300th Christmas since the founding of the town an outstanding community event.

Sponsored by the Andover Service club and gotten under way only a few short weeks ago, the idea quickly spread, as numerous groups including churches, schools and clubs caught the spirit of the affair and joined with the sponsors with an enthusiasm which resulted in the delightful community Yuletide festival enjoyed by young and old alike.

A gaily decorated Main street and town house, attractively decorated stores and homes, Christmas carols, church services, radio programs, a pageant and play, townspeople in old-fashioned costumes, and, last but not least, the arrival of Santa Claus, all blended into an enjoyable program that sponsors enthusiastically predict will mark the first of a series of such annual events.

Preliminary stages of the program included a series of radio broadcasts from Stations WLAW and WCCM which brought to surrounding communities word pictures of the town's historic past and glorious present, and stirred up among neighboring towns considerable interest which attracted many visitors to the festivities during the past several days.

The festival program actually got underway Sunday afternoon with a play and pageant by pupils of the public schools in the Memorial auditorium. The musical part of the program was broadcast by Stations WCCM and WLAW, and was rebroadcast Christmas morning.

In the evening the different churches held Christmas services which terminated at eight o'clock when all gathered in front of the town hall to join in singing Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Marion McArdle, assisted by Miss Jean Murray. The singers were accompanied by music from the organ in the Masonic Lodge hall in the Bank Building across the street, played by Irving Wilkinson.

As the group broke up they left the square by different routes singing carols to the shut-ins as they wended their ways homeward.

Monday was Children's Carol Singing Day. Starting at 10 a. m., with a group from the Pike school, various groups from the Stowe, Punchard, Barnard, Shawsheen and Ballardvale schools accompanied by their teachers, raised their voices in the many beautiful carols of Christmas under Mrs. McArdle's direction. The group singing in the morning and again in the afternoon drew much favorable comment from the hundreds who stopped at different times during the day to enjoy the concert.

In the evening a similar program of carol solos was sung by Irene Yancey and Mrs. Benjamin Lawrence, accompanied by Irving Wilkinson on the organ.

Monday also brought to the attention of the townspeople and others attracted to the business section, a group of clerks and residents of the town in the old-fashioned costumes of many years ago. Their presence in various stores and frequent

Cordial

Merry Christmas

Our sincere wishes to all that you may enjoy a most Happy and Merry Christmas. Let us pray that countries throughout the world will find peace.

The Rockport Market

appearances along the streets in the gay rigs of great-grandmothers' days lent some of that Currier and Ives' atmosphere to the festival that rivaled the co-called "New Look" of 1947. The persons in costume wore their antiquated garments during the last three days of the festival, and from the remarks heard on all sides it is safe to say that in another year more attics will be rummaged for similar heirlooms to enable more townspeople to join in the festival spirit of the occasion.

Then on Tuesday Santa Claus came to town! The appearance of this jolly old gentleman high-lighted the festivities and brought great numbers of youngsters and their parents to witness the welcome he got as he made his way along Main street to the square and the town hall, where he held an impromptu reception and distributed favors among the horde of his young friends who were there to greet him.

Owing to the over-exuberant co-operation of Old King Winter the carol singing Tuesday night was postponed. Announcement of the various prize winners was broadcast Wednesday morning.

The floats entered in the Santa Claus escort by school children, presented numerous ideas and drew much favorable comment from spectators. The floats were restricted to a length of five feet by two-and-a-half feet wide, and a limit of $10 for expenses in making them. These were constructed by the manual training class, and by other special organizations.

The school department, through the co-operation of Supt. Kenneth L. Sherman aided in the seasonal decorations of Main street and the square, by constructing the big stars that were used to trim the tops of electric light poles, and providing the backdrop for the bleachers at the town hall. This work was supervised by Carl Gahan and Irving Hinckley with the co-operation of Eugene V. Lovely, principal of the High school, and Milton Nelson, principal of the Junior high.

Chief Buchan and members of the fire department aided materially in the work of providing a Christmas setting for the festival by assisting in the wiring of all decorations and setting up the big Christmas tree with the ladder truck. The police department under Chief George A. Dane co-operated in every phase of the program and did their usual good job at various times and places where crowds gathered.

On Tuesday night the committee in charge of the Bundles for Britain sent a cablegram to the Mayor and Mayoress of Andover, England, giving the town's greetings to its overseas namesake and informing them of the anticipated arrival of the money and packages of food gathered and forwarded during the Yule season. The cablegram was as follows:

Mayor Young and Mayoress Sainsbury, Andover, Hampshire county, England:

The townsmen of Andover, Massachusetts, all join in wishing a Merry Christmas to all your townspeople, with hopes for a better and brighter New Year. Please expect a small token present for the needy of your town which arrives in the near future.

The Townsmen of Andover, Mass.

The outstanding success of Andover's first old-fashioned Christmas festival was due to the co-operation of several groups. It was sponsored by the Andover Service Club and funds for the project were raised by public subscription, and from merchants and interested people of the town. Harold E. Heseltine was chairman of the committee. He was assisted by Vincent Treanor, Donald B. Look, Dr. Nathaniel Stowers, Mrs. Ida M. Rackel, John M. Murray, Stanley Swanton, Edward Romeo, Irma Beene, Thaxter Eaton, Mrs. Marion McArdle, Miss Mary Angus and Jean Murray.

The Bundles for Britain committee included the Rev. Henry B. Smith, O.S.A., the Rev. John G. Gaskill of the West Parish Church, and Douglas Byers. The Finance committee comprised Chester W. Holland and Louis S. Finger; while J. K. Lilly III and Miss Betty Buchan took care of publicity. George Baker did the wiring for Christmas lights along the business section; Phillips Academy donated the bleachers used in front of the town hall by the carollers; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Grant donated the sleigh used in front of the town hall for donations; and Mr. Dinsmore donated the many old-fashioned vehicles used Tuesday afternoon in escorting Santa Claus along Main street to the square and back to the town hall.

The Garden Club donated prizes for the best doorway, one for a member and one for a non-member; the November Club offered an award for the best interior store decoration. A cup given by the Merchants Committee will be a perpetuating prize, to be passed along from year to year. The Andover Historical Society donated prizes for the best costumes, one for the best man's and one for the best woman's. Cups for the four best floats in the Santa reception were donated by the Old-Fashioned Christmas Committee.

All in all it added up to make the 1947 Christmas season a real merry one.

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Not every month's addition to the Memorial Hall Library can boast of books by well-known authors to this extent; but among today's entries are such famous people as Louis Bromfield, Gladys H. Carroll, Frances P. Keyes, Neil Swanson, Charles Morgan, John Steinbeck, Bill Mauldin, Benjamin Fine and Walter Millis. Even Bill Cunningham and Esther Forbes, our own neighbors, in a way, are counted among those present.

The Pearl Steinbeck
An old Mexican folk tale; the story of the great pearl, how it was found and lost again.

Colorado Bromfield
Early days of frontier life, with the cattle and mining town of Silver City as the main setting.

The Heretics Slater
There are two stories here; the first, the fate of three children caught in the campaign for the suppression of heresy at the Children's Crusade; the second, concerned with the fate of three foreign volunteers during the Spanish Civil war, 1936-1938.

The Sealed Verdict Shapiro
A vivid story of a man's struggle with his conscience. Major Robert Lashley found his only reward for the successful prosecution of a German war criminal was a feeling of extreme uneasiness and guilt.

The Judge's Story Morgan
Using an old theme of a judge ruined by a rich man's conniving, this philosophical novel of the struggle between good and evil, set in the 1930 period of English life, is a quiet but compelling story. Charles Morgan wrote "The Fountain" and "Sparkenbroke."

Unconquered Swanson
Although the story opens in a small London Village, it gains in momentum until the climax breaks in the siege of Fort Pitt. This long sweeping novel of the Ohio River region in the mid-eighteenth century is the most vivid picture of the Pontiac conspiracy and the bitter days when Pennsylvania was a battle-ground for the colonists, fighting to save their families and homes from the Indian raiders. The author is well-known for his historical novels, among which are "The Judas Tree", "The Phantom Emperor" and "Forbidden Ground."

Praise At Morning McNeilly
Mortimer Steel, the little waterfront boy, found a tremendous power could be his if he joined forces with the sea to build himself a fortune.

Came A Cavalier Keyes
Those who read Mrs. Keyes' books know that neither setting or period can add or detract from the charm of her novels. Each one is hartily welcomed, and this newest is no exception.

While The Angels Sing Carroll
A delicate but sincere story with a Christmas flavor.

The Pearl Of Her Sex Cunningham
This is Bill Cunningham's affectionate picture of Mrs. Bill.

The Boston Book Forbes
If you are a lover of Boston this is a book you must see and will probably want to own. Esther Forbes has prepared the text and Arthur Griffin the abundant illustrations. There are notes on how the pictures were made, for the benefit of photography hobbyists. A beautiful book in every way!

Our Children Are Cheated Fine
Based on the author's study of education in our country, this is a stirring summary of the teaching situation, the inadequacy of curricula and actual school houses, the unfortunate system of segregation in the South, the effect of the war and the needs for the future. This is startling factual writing about a subject that should concern us all. Much of this material appeared in the New York Times.

This Is Pearl! Millis
Japan's part in the war, beginning Christmas week, 1940. His one aim, says the author, is to tell the story of Pearl Harbor's attack and the events, policies and popular attitudes of the year which led up to the disaster. "Why Europe Fights," "Road To War," and "Martial Spirit" are earlier works by Walter Millis.

Back Home Mauldin
"The voice of the enlisted man of World War II, now back home, speaks pointedly on veterans' organuzations (particularly the Legion), prejudices, the housing shortage, the used car racket, civil liberties, aid to Europe, relations with Russia and the state of our world in general." More than one serviceman's adjustment to civilian life, it is a keen commentary on our current problems.

The Meaning Of Treason West
A study of the problems of justice in matters of loyalty, as instigated by such personalities as "Lord Haw-Haw", John Amery and Baillie-Stewart in England. This is a personal type of writing, with large understanding of the meaning of human relationship, presented in the beautiful form one can expect all of Rebecca West's books to be written.

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How Green Was My Father Dodge

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A Program For National Security U. S. President's Advisory Comm.

A consideration of intellectual, economic, educational, medical and religious implications of universal training, a survey of possible types and risks of future war; a study of military strategy to avoid these risks, if possible, and to overcome them if necessary.

Make Your Life Worth While Fox

The preface calls these brief talks "a series of practical instructions in successful living." It goes on to say "True success—happiness, peace of mind, prosperity and real health are within the reach of all who sincerely want them, and who are willing to pay the price."

The author, the famous leader of the Carnegie Hall services, also wrote 'The Sermon on the Mount,' a book that has moved and inspired thousands of people.

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Don't forget the things that are going to take place in the Memorial Hall Library at different times in the near future. There is the discussion group, with Mr. Alston Chase of the Phillips Academy Faculty as leader, when the History of The Peloponnesian War by Thucydides will be the backbone for broad survey of conditions then and now; there is the evening meeting on January 13th here at the library at 7:45 o'clock when Miss Katherine Lawler, the County Demonstration Agent, will repeat her most interesting talk on color and design in the home, given at Ballardvale recently. Then, there are some adult study courses now under consideration, to begin in the new year. Remember, the public is invited to attend the discussion group and the home decoration lecture, and to come prepared to ask questions and submit opinions.

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Mr. Sheriff was superintendent of the Essex County courthouse building at Lawrence for more than a score of years up to his retirement December 5, 1937. He recently paid a visit to the scene of his former labors and was heartily greeted by members of the Registry staff and other occupants of the building with whom he had so long been associated.

Mr. Sheriff, a former member of the common council from ward two, Lawrence, in 1903 and 1904, was born in Brechin, Scotland. He came to Lawrence in 1888 where other friends and acquaintances resided, and for a time worked in the Everett mill. After driving street cars he took up duties as janitor in the court house in 1905, and on October 17, 1917, was appointed superintendent.

John Rasmussen of West Andover was elected a director and **Henry Smolak** first vice-president of the Esex County Vegetable Growers association at the annual banquet and election held earlier this month.

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Gracious hostesses who presided at the Silver Tea, which officially opened St. Augustine's Christmas Bazaar recently. Left to Right, Standing: Mrs. John A. Costello, Mrs. Frank J. McArdle, Jr., Mrs. James E. Coleman, Mrs. John P. Higgins, Mrs. Edward J. O'Connor, Mrs. Joseph B. Doherty. Seated: Mrs. George F. Weldon and Miss Annette Curran.
(Look Photo)

School Vacations

Andover's school population started its annual Christmas vacation Tuesday noon, when schools closed for the holiday period. Public and Parochial schools will open Monday, January 5.

Legion Holds Annual Christmas Observance

Andover post, 8, American Legion, conducted its annual Christmas party Thursday evening December 18, in the Legion hall, with a large number present to participate in the festivities.

A social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served. Thomas P. Dee was general chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Major prize winners were; $50 bond, Mrs. Teresa Fleming, 37 Maple avenue; $25 bond, Robert Lochhead, 82 Summer street; automatic toaster, Peter J. Myers, 49½ Elm street; electric steam iron, Richard Towne, Maple ave.; pressure cooker, Kenneth L. Sherman, 7 Locke street; umbrella, Paul S. McDonald, 8 Chestnut street.

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Great Expectations — Charles Dickens' Famous Novel 2:05; 5:25; 8:45
Vigilantes Return — Jon Hall, Margaret Lindsay 4:00; 7:20

SUNDAY, MONDAY — December 28, 29

Buck Privates Come Home — Abbott & Costello, Joan Fulton 3:25; 6:20; 9:15
Time Out of Mind — Phyllis Calvert, Robert Hutton 1:45; 4:40; 7:35

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY — December 30, 31 — TWO DAYS ONLY

Waltztime — Carol Raye, Peter Graves 3:20; 6:20; 9:20
Discovery — Admiral Richard E. Byrd's Expedition (Naval Personnel) 1:45; 4:45; 7:45

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY — January 1, 2, 3

Song of Love — Katherine Hepburn, Paul Henreid 2:00; 5:20; 8:35
7 Keys To Baldpate — Philip Perry, Jacqueline White 3:55; 7:15

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The carolers were: Patricia Black, Joan Capen, Evelyn Foster, Marjorie Harshaw, Elizabeth Lloyd, Janice Krall, Dorothy Keating, Barbara Nicoll, Joan Pomeroy, Constance Raftery, Dorothy Raftery, Carolyn White and Polly Black.

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WEST PARISH...

Miss Doris Newton of Montpelier, Vermont, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newton.

Miss Constance Dow is at her home on Beacon street for the holiday season. She is a student at Colby Junior College.

Miss Elsie Rasmussen is at her home on Lowell street to spend the Christmas season. She is a senior at the University of New Hampshire.

Miss Dorothy Foster of Fletcher street, who is studying at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, is spending the Christmas holidays with a classmate in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Breitenfield, Jr., of Chicago, Illinois, are enjoying the holiday season with Mrs. Breitenfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Lewis of Lowell street.

Miss Jean Batal, a student at Marymount college, Tarrytown New York is spending the Christmas recess with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Batal of William street.

Miss Kathleen McDonald of Walker Avenue spent the past week with friends in New York city.

Seaman 2/c William Barron, who is stationed at New London, Connecticut, visited at his home on Virginia road during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacMackin of East Aurora, New York are spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Youmans of Dascomb Road and with Mr. MacMackin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. MacMackin of Carisbrooke street. Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Cooper of Boston are also guests at the MacMackin home for the holidays.

Mrs. Arthur Steinert of 1 Union street was hostess to the Dramatic group of the Shawsheen Village Women's Club last Friday afternoon.

Fred Doyle, Jr., a student at Princeton university is at home on Chandler raod and Loring Batchelder, a student at Harvard university is at his home on Argilla road. They were classmates at Phillips academy.

Mrs. Arthur L. Cole of 354 North Main street is spending the winter months in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mrs. Ada Brown of Elm street is spending several days with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bradford in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

Miss Mary Lord, who is a student at Acadia university, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lord of Summer street.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James Lindley Dean of 8 Kensington street at a tea Monday afternoon announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Paige Dean, to Wallace Ladd Bolton, son of Mrs. William W. Bolton and the late William W. Bolton of North Andover.

A graduate of Abbot academy. Miss Dean is now attending the Garland School in Boston. Mr. Bolton is a graduate of Governor Dummer academy and is now a student at Brown university where he is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He served overseas for a year and a half with the U. S. Third Army.

Growers Elect

At a recent meeting of the Essex County Fruit Growers Association held recently, Mr. John Rasmussen of Lowell street was elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Sunday School Parties

The Christmas Party for the nursery and kindergarten departments of the West church was held at 3:00 on Monday afternoon. Sixty little folks and their parents enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus with the distribution of gifts from a well-laden tree for all. Refreshments were served.

The party for children from the second through the sixth grade was held on Tuesday evening. A basket lunch was enjoyed at 6:45, and cocoa and ice cream were provided. Games were played and Santa Claus made his appearance with his bag full of gifts.

Carolling

The Young People's Fellowship met on Wednesday evening at the vestry at 7:00 and visited various friends and shut-ins and sang carols. After they completed their round of caroling, they returned to the vestry where refreshments were served.

West Center School

The usual Christmas entertainment given by the pupils of the West Center school was not held this year owing to the recent tragic death of Douglas Dixon and the serious condition of the Harty boy, both being pupils in the West Center school and each one having had part in the program. A party was held on Tuesday at the close of school.

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Humphrey Joins Townsman Staff

In the reorganization of the Townsman under its new management, Frank J. A. Humphrey of Andover, former Boston and Lawrence newspaperman and more recently connected with the U. S. Internal Revenue service as director of publicity, has joined the staff as editor.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Humphrey entered upon his newspaper career in that city and at the outbreak of the first World War resigned as reporter for the Lawrence Tribune to enlist as private in the 102nd F. A. Through successive promotions he was advanced to regimental sergeant major, with which rank he served during the regiment's tour of duty in France.

Upon his return he became publicity director for the internal revenue office at Boston and in 1924 joined the staff of the Boston Traveler where he remained for eight years as reporter and feature writer.

Returning to Lawrence he was for five years city editor of the Lawrence Eagle, after which he became associated with the publicity department of N. Y. A. before rejoining the internal revenue service as deputy and later as publicity director.

Married to the former Anne P. Croston of Lawrence, he makes his home at 41 Summer street, where he has lived for the past 12 years.

J. T. MERCER ESTATE VALUED AT $187,109

Personal property valued at $187,109. but no realty was disclosed in an inventory filed at Salem of the property of the late John T. Mercer of Andover, former agent of the Arlington Mills, who died July 15. His will bequeathed all of his property to a daughter, Mrs. Jean S. Wallace of London, England.

Under the terms of the will Miss Florence Wakefield of Andover, her entire estate estimated at $5000 was bequeathed to a sister, Mrs. Dorothy W. Whipple of Cambridge. The late Miss Wakefield died November 29.

Navy Establishes New Study Units

Navy education service units have been established in seven overseas branches of the United States Armed Forces Institute to speed up the service and better accomodate a more than doubled percentage of Naval personnel participating in off-duty classroom and self-study courses during the last year.

The Navy units, each under an officer in charge, have been established at USAFI branches in Tokyo, Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Seattle (for Alaska), Balboa, Canal Zone, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Currently, about 12 per cent of all Naval personnel participate in the educational program through organized classes aboard ships and stations, through self-study courses, through USAFI correspondence courses, or through correspondence courses offered by 59 cooperating colleges and universities.

Prior to assuming duties at branch offices, Naval officers so assigned are indoctrinated in testing methods, counselling techniques, and general educational procedures.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Among the Andover real estate transfers recorded at the registry of deeds in Lawrence are; George F. Walkup et al to Thomas E. Watman, "Ballardvale," Ballardvale road.

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Herbert P. Carter et alii to Arlene M. Sherman et conj., High Plain road.

Eleanor G. Gutterson to Gharles F. Dalton et ux, Chestnut street.

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Carols—
Joy to the World
Silent Night
O Little Town of Bethlehem
The Christ Child — Beaulieu
Teresa Beaudoin
Virgin's Slumber Song — Reger
Isabelle Chevalier
Jesu Bambino — Yon
Letha Blanchette
Night of Nights — Vanderwatter
Frank McCarthy

Midnight — Solemn High Mass

Byrie — Gounod
Gloria — Korman
Veni Creator — Carey
Credo — Korman
Adeste Fideles — Novello
James Sheard
Sanctus — Gounod
Benedictus — Gounod
Agnus Dei — Bizet
Joan Mirisola
Post Communion—
O Holy Night — Adam
Abbie McLaughlin
Recessional—
Birthday of a King — Weidlinger
James Sheard and Crorus
Postlude—
Prince of Peace — Weiss

Christmas Day

8:30 Mass—Carols sung by Children's Choir; 9:45 Mass—Carols, Girls' Choir, "Night of Nights" Genevieve Murray — "O Holy Night", Mina Manthorne; 11:30 Mass—Carols, Senior Choir, Soloists, Abbie McLaughlin, James Sheard, Teresa Beaudoin, Eileen Flynn, Joan Mirisola; Organist - Directress, Mary F. Lanigan.

Attended Convention

Among the 2200 delegates to the convention of the officers of the Boston Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name societies at the Hotel Bradford in Boston, Sunday were Augustine P. Sullivan, president; Augustine L. Delaney, vice-president; Joseph McCarthy and John Cussen, delegates, from St. Augustine's Holy Name society.

One of the features of the session was the showing of pictures in technicolor of the convention parade in Boston last October 5, in which a group of members from the local society participated.

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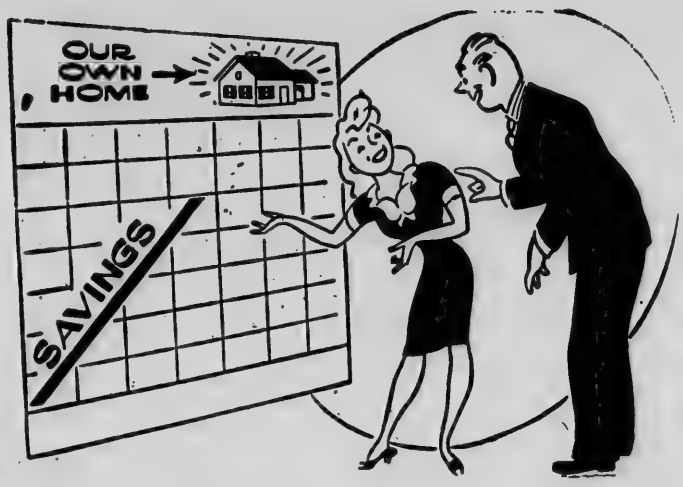

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...Punchard Notes...

By Jack Sherman

Assembly

Last Thursday, we again practiced Christmas carols for the Christmas assembly. Because of the absence of Mr. Stevens, Mr. Lavely led the students in their vocal efforts. Martha Fieldhouse and Claire Ann Archembeault accompanied the would-be choral group. Maybe the singing wasn't good enough to be on the radio, but we had a lot of fun anyhow.

Christmas Assembly

The annual assembly in commemoration of Christmas was held on Tuesday. After the regular program of carols and the Bible reading, a pantomime of the poem, "The Night Before Christmas", was presented by a group of seniors. Those participating were: Joan Gallagher, Jeanne Kenney, Clifford Dubois, Carolyn White, Joan Capen, Allen Howe, June Steinert, Jean Steinert, Kay Byrne, Larry Marocco, Fred Cole, Richard Kydd, John Pingree, Mary Cartier, Walter Lloyd, and Constance Raftery.

Politics

Previously, we have mentioned the elections that were held among the schools for senator and representative. The students elected their representatives in the regular districts used by their elders. Those elected will run the state for one day some time in January. Those elected were:

Representatives

Methuen—Marilyn Hartwell and Donald Lee; Herbert Hartwell, second alternate; John Berwick, third alternate.

Punchard—Vincent Davey.

Johnson—John Kooistra, first alternate.

Senator (4th Essex)

Francis Donasie of Haverhill; Albert Grasso, alternate.

Bad News

How time does fly. The second marking period is over, and report cards will be issued after vacation. That is the school's Christmas present to the students, saving the cards until after the holiday and thus postponing the family arguments.

Senior Play

The seniors have decided to present a class play again this year. The Dramatic committee, under the chairmanship of Jack Sherman, voted "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" as this year's offering. This is the story of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning, and is an excellent play. The play has enjoyed considerable success on the professional stage, both here and abroad. The performance will probably be late in February, with tryouts immediately after vacation.

Senior Pictures

This has been a busy week for the seniors. The class pictures arrived on Thursday, in time for Christmas, as promised by the official class photographers, The Waid Studios of Boston. The students have been busily swapping pictures and admiring each others' pictures.

D. A. R. Good Citizenship Medal

Each year, the Daughters of the American Revolution offer a medal for the girl who, in the opinion of the students and faculty, best achieves the ideals of good citizenship. The seniors elected the three girls in their class who best exemplified these ideals. The faculty will consider the names and choose the winner from these names submitted. In addition, the D. A. R. chooses one girl from the state to go on the D. A. R. pilgrimage. We all hope that a Punchard girl will be chosen for this honor.

Watch-Night Service At Baptist Church

A Watch-Night Service will be held New Year's eve in the Baptist church vestry beginning at 6:30. The program will be sponsored by the Church School, and will include games, moving pictures, and refreshments.

A Watch-Night Service will be held in the sanctuary of the church at the conclusion of the program in the vestry. Holy Communion will be observed. A New Year's meditation will be delivered by the pastor.

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Lone Gunman Kidnaps Four

KIDNAP VICTIMS of a wild-eyed gun-waving hitchhiker in Shawsheen early Monday morning. From left to right, Patrolman William J. Stewart, Mrs. Michael Sarkissian and her husband, with their daughter Terry. (Look Photo)

Also Assaults Lawrence Man

A lone gunman kidnapped a local policeman, a Lawrence couple and their three year-old daughter in Shawsheen square early Monday morning after brutally assaulting a Lawrence motorist with whom he had hitchhiked a ride.

After a night of terror with the wild-eyed gun toter through Lowell, Littleton and Lexington to West Boylston and Worcester the four were released unharmed.

The apparently purposeless abduction climaxed a series of events which started shortly before 2 a. m. when Frank Wholey of Lawrence stopped his car at Broadway and Essex street, Lawrence, to give a young hitchhiker a ride.

According to the motorist, he had gone no further than the O'Leary bridge when the young man leaped into the back seat and started hitting him over the head with the butt of a revolver. He hit Wholey several times. Reaching Shawsheen square the motorist jammed on his brakes, opened the door and leaped from the car, which went up over a curb.

Officer William J. Stewart was making his rounds in the square and saw the car go up on the curb just as another auto with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sarkissian of Lawrence. and their daughter approached and stopped.

Believing an accident had happened Officer Stewart and Sarkissian went to help Wholey when the gun-waving hitchhiker stepped from around the car, put his weapon into the officer's back and disarmed him, then at gun point forced Sarkissian, his wife and child into Sarkissian's car. Making the Lawrence man take the wheel the gunman directed the drive until they reached West Boylston where in a lonely wooded area he put officer Stewart, and mother and child out of the car and drove off with Sarkissian. The latter he dropped at Worcester. The car was later found abandoned in Concord.

Wholey was taken to the Burke Memorial hospital in Lawrence where 20 stitches were taken to close the wounds on his head. His condition is reported as fair.

A state-wide police search is underway for the gunman.

Obituaries

MRS. M. PHILLIPS GRAHAM

Funeral services for Mrs. Marion L. Graham, who died Friday at her home, 6 Johnson road, were held Tuesday afternoon at Christ church, Waltham, and were conducted by the Rev. George Ekwall, pastor of Christ church, assisted by the Rev. John S. Moses, rector of Christ church, Andover.

The bearers were Harold Leach and Allan Flye of Andover, and Duncan Jackson, Peter Warburton, Arthur Nichols and John Wroe.

Interment was in Mt. Feake cemetery. Waltham.

Mrs. Graham was president of the Andover Garden club, active in the affairs of Christ church, and for two years directed the local canning kitchen. She was for some years prominent in the Andover League of Woman voters and the November club.

She is survived by her husband, M. Phillips Graham, a son, David, her mother, Mrs. William T. Gill, and a sister.

South Church Notes

The Sewing department of the Women's Union of the South church will hold a sewing meeting Wednesday, December 31, at 10 o'clock. On account of New Year's day falling on Thursday making two holidays so close it has been decided to hold the meeting on this Wednesday in order that there may not be too much setback in the work needing to be accomplished.

LEAVES FOR AZORES

John G. McDonald of 123 Chestnut street has left for a two-year stay in the Azores where he will be engaged in postal work for the War department. The trip from the states will be made by plane.

Mrs. Edith Dunlap of Washington, D. C., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Byron T. Butler, 71 Elm street.

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EDITORIAL . . .

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of Andover From the Staff of The Townsman.

Congratulations to those who have made the Andover Festivities a great success. The teamwork and spirit of the community has been an example that other towns might well note.

Communism? No, Thanks!

We were recently reminded of an article that appeared in "The Saturday Evening Post" several years ago called "Muddled Millions". This report pointed out that some of our wealthiest people in America have had communistic leanings to such an extent that they were willing to back "the cause" to the tune of millions of dollars. How do people get that way? Well, a psychologist would probably have a field day with such individuals, and discover all sorts of reasons, from frustrated desires to illusions of grandeur for their behavior, and no doubt would be right in many cases. We mention this to show that it is not only the have-nots who get this way, but people in all walks of life. It has even been rumored that government officials sometimes get that way!

If there is any doubt, (and we have no reason to think there is) about The Townsman's leanings, let's clear that up right away. We are absolutely dead set against anything concerned with communism, and will back any worthwhile project to stamp it out, whether it is local, national, or world-wide. That should be definite enough! We only wish that our influence could be more profound in this respect. How can anyone preach revolt against a system that has made us the world's greatest nation? Again we say, let's leave such pepole to the psychologist, and pray for speedy treatment.

Some Humor?

Some friends of ours have told us that The Townsman needs a little humor in its columns, and we agree. We don't always feel humorous, but here's something that should give you a chuckle, taken out of "Around the Town with Otto", a column in the "Wellesley Townsman". In case you don't know it, "Otto" is the versatile Editor of Wellesley's "Townsman", Mr. A. Edwin Larsson:

> In an ad in a weekly paper outside Philadelphia a restaurant advertised for a piano player who can open ersters and clams. Otto wouldn't know whether the eatery was advertising for a musician or a fry cook, but it certainly sounds like an interesting proposition. And in a Boston paper there appeared an ad for a clean, aggressive brewery salesman—who must be able to play third base. It's getting so a gent needs to have two occupations to get a job these days. Ale, ale, the gang's all here. Perhaps the gent is supposed to peddle ale in the stands while waiting to take his stance at the plate.

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As we get better organized, we intend to have some humor in every single Townsman.

PUPILS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRESENT CHRISTMAS PLAY

Pupils of St. Augustine's school presented a Christmas entertainment in the school hall Friday afternoon, December 19, and repeated the performance Sunday afternoon at 2:30 before an interested audience of parents and friends.

Each grade took some part in the program which was capably presented from the opening number by the pre-primary Rhythm band to the closing Nativity play by the eighth grade pupils.

One of the features of the program was the presentation of flowers to the pastor, the Rev. Thomas P. Fogarty, which brought the entertainment to a close.

The Program

Opening—Pre-primary Rhythm band; Song— "What Will You Take For Us Father," First Grade; Reception — "O Sweetest Baby Jesus", First Grade; Recitation—Christmas greetings, Grade two; Christmas sketch—"A Christmas Crazy class", Grade three; Recitation—"The Child Who Had No Gift", Grade four; A Christmas patriotic drill, Grade five; Recitation and song—"The Choicest Tree", Grade six.

Song and drill, Grade seven.

The Cast

Christmas Star — Louise Pothier; Christmas Angels—Dorothy Walsh, Anne Lancaster; Shepherds — William Lench, Francis Reidy, James A. Sullivan, James J. Sullivan, Theodore Surette, Gilbert McKinnon; Wise Men— William Lucey, Edward McCarthy, David Hannon.

Chorus

Joseph Lynch, Danniel Connors, Leonard Eldred, Leonard Gallant, Patricia O'Neill, Margarite Boulanger, Josephine Collins, Elaine Dumont, Gertrude Madden, Gail Griffin, Isabel Surette, Marie Sullivan, Edith Belisle, Jane Dumont, Patricia Roberston, Florence Golden, Shirley Chetson, Eleanor McCarthy.

Nativity play—Grade eight; The cast included: Maureen Collins, Mary Cookson, Lucienne Dallaire, Claire Dumont, Marilyn Gallahue, Claire Grassi, Elizabeth Hearne, Margaret Madden, Paula Parent, Rita Pelletier, Anita Tellier, Marilyn Sullivan, Murray Abbott, Charles Lynch, Robert McCabe, Herve Pelletier and Stanley Smith.

Presentation of flowers to the pastor by Margaret Frances Madden, grade eight, Gerald Delaney and Mary Ann Derbyshire, grade one.

Junior High Football Banquet a Success

The father and son Junior high football banquet which was held in the high school cafeteria Wednesday evening, December 10th, proved to be both entertaining and a financial success. Leroy Wilson, treasurer, gives the following report: Total sales of tickets, $61.21; Ice cream, $9.60; Rolls and cookies, $6.78; Gauze, coffee, butter, straws, $3.05; Mrs. Frederickson and boys, $4.00; Cream and milk, $6.39; Total, $29.78; Net Profie, $31.43.

Mr. Charles O. McCullom, chairman, wishes to thank the following mothers in behalf of the fathers for donating the meat pies and their services in helping serve the supper: Mrs. James R. Adriance, Mrs. Dino Valz, Mrs. Charles Swift, Mrs. Raymond Mowat, Mrs. Harold Wennik, Mrs. Edwin Bramley, Mrs. Edward O'Connor, Mrs. Robert Hatton, Mrs. Leroy T. Markert, Mrs. George Sanborn, Mrs. T. J. Johnson, Mrs. George Fraser and Mrs. Harrison Brown.

The net proceeds will be turned over to the Junior High athletic association by treasurer Leroy Wilson.

Harold M. Allen, Jr., son of Dr. Harold M. Allen of 25 Lowell street is home for the holiday season from Tilton school, Tilton, N. H. where he is taking a refresher course following his release from the armed services. He is a member of the Outing club and will return to school on January 5.

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Ballardvale Notes...

Basketball

The Union Congregational church basketball group, under the direction of Mr. Sparks is now supplied with uniforms. On Monday they played the group from Saint Joseph's church. The next game to be played will be with the North Andover Methodist group on January 5th.

Church Parties

All youngsters of the Methodist church Sunday school went home happy on Monday evening full of candy and good cheer after a visit from Santa, who gave them all gifts after enjoying a program of pieces and songs by the pupils. Santa also told a charming story to the youngsters.

Carols Sung

Carols were sung Tuesday evening to the shut-ins of the Vale by a group of young folks of the Union Congregational church under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Kelsey. After the caroling the group adjourned to the church vestry where games were played and refreshments served.

Pageant Presented

The Nativity scene was beautifully portrayed Sunday evening in the Union Congregational church under the direction of Miss Margaret Hadley who also assisted as organist for the occasion. Mrs. Harry Peatman, Mrs. Frank Green and Harry Peatman were responsible for the costumes and accessories that made the young ladies of the church into angels with flowing white gowns and gold crowns, belts and harps. The younger ladies and gentlemen of the angel choir were similarly gowned.

The manger scene with Mary and Joseph and the crib were strikingly effective. The Three Wise Men were gowned in bright colored costumes as they marched in and presented their gifts to the Lord Jesus.

During all tableaus the choir of the church, augmented by the men of the parish, helped to make the pageant an inspiring spectacle to those who filled the church.

Skating Party Planned

The young peoples group of the Union Congregational church will hold a skating party on Sunday evening, December 28th, weather permitting.

Enjoyable Party Held

A Christmas party was held by the members of the O. M. club of Ballardvale, Monday evening at the home of Miss Mary E. Green of Marland road, when gifts were exchanged beneath a beautiful tree.

Games were played, and the prizes went to Miss Joyce Ormsby and Miss Andrea Hofer. In another game Miss Hofer received the consolation prize.

The members present included the Misses Ruth Mears, Doris Nicoll, Joyce Ormsby, Anne MacFarlane, Harriet Schofield, Andrea Hofer, and Mary E. Green. Miss Joanne Myers of Melrose was unable to attend because of illness.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Personals

Miss Margaret Hadley, a member of the faculty of the Hampstead High school, Hampstead, New Hampshire, is enjoying the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hadley of Clark road.

Friends of Lincoln Sharpe of Andover street will be pleased to learn that he is recuperating at the Lawrence General hospital after a recent operation.

Miss Elna Fone, a student at Leslie college, Cambridge, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fone of Clark road.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark of Melrose visited their daughter, Mrs. Albert Mitchell of Tewksbury street on Sunday.

John Petty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petty of Center street, has a few days vacation from his studies at Northeastern university of Boston.

Jack Barbarian of Chester street, a student at Northeastern university is enjoying Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barbarian.

Brownie Party

The Christmas party for the Brownies was held at the home of the leader, Mrs. Joseph Bouleau of Andover street, recently. Games were played and a short program was enjoyed. Mrs. John Wilson, assistant to Mr. Bouleau, was on hand to furnish the youngsters with refreshments.

Girl Scout Party

Mrs. Arthur Weiss and Mrs. George Forsythe were responsible for the good time held by the members of the Girl Scout troop of Ballardvale at their Christmas party held in Bradlee school recently. After a session of games, gifts were exchanged and refreshments served by the leaders.

Party Held

The annual Christmas party sponsored by the Ballardvale Parent eachers Association was held on Monday morning when Santa Claus made his official visit to Bradlee school bringing gifts and candy to every pupil. In honor of Santa the following program was presented under the direction of the teachers of Bradlee school.

Mrs. Marshall's Room
(Grade 1)

Song, "Away in a Manger" All
Recitation
"What Can I Give Him?"
Bruce Myers
Song, "Silent Night" All
Song, "I Heard the Bells" All
Recitation
"Christmas in the Heart"
Robert Colpitts, John Crawford, William Davis, Charles Goff, Barbara Forsythe, Barbara Hoffman, Beverly Sparks
Song, "Merry Christmas" All

Miss McCarthy's Room
(Grades 2 and 3)

Song, "Jingle Bells"
Poem, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"
Song, "Bundles"
Song, "So Did I"
Song, "The Three Wise Men"
Song, "Joyous Christmas"
Carol,
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Helen Loux, Mary A. Collins
(Teachers, Grades 4, 5 and 6)

Recitation, "Every Child"
Paul Bouleau, Lucille O'Hara, Judith Hall, Priscilla Colpitts, Cynthia Lawrence
Recitation, "The Christmas Calf"
Ann Froburg, Thelma Sparks
Recitation,
"'Twas the Night Before Christmas"
Diane Mitchell, Margaret Buckley, Carol Forsythe, Herbert MacMillan, Frank Hebert, Marjorie Davis, James Green, Nelson Townsend, Richard Lawrence, Richard Lumenello, Michael Hill, Robert Lakin, Donald Ness, Robert Lefebvre
Song, "Christmas Is Coming"
Grade 4
Recitation,
"While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks"
Carl Buschmann, James Butler, Robert Nolin
Carol, "Joy to the World"
Grades 5 and 6
(Accompanied by Priscilla Colpitts)
Recitation, "The Little Gray Lamb"
Joyce Nason, Joan Jedrey, Paul Payne, Richard Nolin, Joan Wilson, Warren Russell, John MacMillan, Leigh Henderson, Ray Youmans
Play,
"The Child Who Was Made of Snow"
Property Managers: Norman Martin, Edward Gillis, Warren Ferris
Characters: Kenneth Sparks, Peggy Perry, Joan Lakin, Paul MacFarlane, Geneva O'Hara, Donald Milligan, Marilyn Ness, Richard Carroll, William Townsend, Arvilla Mason, Leo Gillis
Play, "Grandpa's Present"
Patty Smalley, Gail Goodwin, Willard Ferris, Harold Newcomb, Shirley Townsend, Clifford Sharpe, Anne Ward, Richard Nolin

Miss Martha Howe's Room
(Kindergarten)

Song, "The Snow Man"
Kindergarten
Verse, "Santa Claus Will Soon Be Here"
Elizabeth Payne, Alfred Lefebvre, Richard Meyers, Ruth Perry, Richard Goodwin
Song,
"Santa Claus Is on His Way"
Gail Smeltzer
Song, "Christmas Tree"
Gail Davidson, Gail Smeltzer, David Babine, David Bouleau, John McIntyre, Bobby Brown
Verse, "Santa Claus Is Plump and Round" Alfred Lefebvre

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Postmaster Stephen A. Boland emphasized Tuesday noon that all mails received in the local post-office by Wednesday noon, December 24th, would be delivered by Christmas Day.

Christmas receipts at the local post offce were 22% higher than last year, up to and including December 22nd, and approximately one-half million letters and cards were handled from December 16th to December 21st inclusive.

Postmaster Boland and the employees of the Andover post office wish to express their gratitude to the public for their early mailing which made the accomplishment of this task possible.

MOTHERS' CLUB NOTES

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. George Symonds, 45 Maple avenue at 2 o'clock, January 7, 1948. A penny social will be held after the meeting. Refreshment committee: Mrs. Emil Dufresne, Mrs. Agnes Brocato and Mrs. Paul Schmottlach.

Christmas Greetings

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Kerr Sparks and Henry Pomeroy of the fire department, winding the laurel on a post at the corner of Main and Park streets, in preparation for Andover's Old Fashioned Christmas Festival (Photo by Look)

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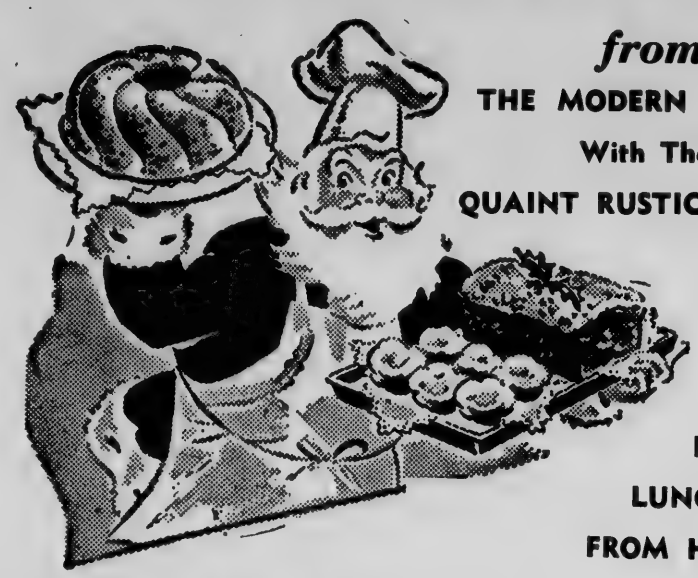

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JUNIOR HIGH NOTES . . .

By Bessie Christie and Patricia Peterkin

For week of December 15

New Student

We wish to welcome Grace Engel, a new student to the ninth grade of the Andover Junior High School, and hope she will remain with us. Grace came from Manchester, New Hampshire.

Girls' Intramural Basketball

On Tuesday, passing and guarding were perfected by the girls. Pass relays in place and running in circles were enjoyed.

Mr. Nelson was guest of the day. He taught the girls to take the one dribble which they are allowed and shoot. The one-hand push shot and following through with your body after shooting were emphasized by him. His suggestions were very much appreciated by Miss Collins and the girls.

The Blues elected a new captain for their team because of some difficulty. She is Patricia Peterkin of the ninth grade.

Thursday was the day for the last general practice. Games between color teams commenced Tuesday.

Dribbling and passing in lines, dribbling and shooting for baskets, and relays with dribbling and passing were all events of the day. Pivoting was refreshed in the minds of the girls by Miss Collins, and pivoting plus dribbling and passing was practiced.

Christmas Dance

A Christmas dance was held Friday, December 19th in the gym. The dance committee, under the direction of Miss Grover and Mrs. Walsh, with its capable chairman, Phyllis Johnson, did a splendid job in making this dance the success that it was.

Mrs. Harold Phinney was Master of Ceremonies and did a marvelous job conducting the dance. Refreshments were solicited by the ninth grade.

Dancing at Noon

Dancing at noon after lunch for the grade that goes early to the cafeteria seems to be an enjoyable event. Up until now the seventh and ninth grades have had this opportunity and have had a good time. The eighth graders are expected to conduct themselves in the same fashion as the other two grades and they will also enjoy themselves. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to dance. If this goes on successfully for all the grades, it will undoubtedly continue throughout the year. The committee has done an efficient job. Those on the committee are as follows: grade 7—Judy Nowell, Mary Alice Shea. grade 8—Alan Wilson, Lucille Spinnella, Judy Thompson. grade 9— Robert Markert, Joan Barry, Marion White, Charles McCullom, John White.

This dancing is supervised strictly by the committee.

Prom Committee

The Prom Committee met last period on Monday, the 15th in the auditorium with the chairman, Harold Wood, in charge. Donald Valz was elected secretary of the committee. Orchestras were suggested, and the prices of the bands will be obtained by Patricia Peterkin and Harold Wood. A date will be set when the committee finds out a date convenient for the orchestra chosen.

Ninth Grade Meeting

A ninth grade class meeting was held seventh period in the auditorium on Monday with Joe Winnik, chairman in charge. The only purpose of the meeting was to elect a secretary. This was done in an orderly fashion, and Clifford Lawrence was elected. The meeting was then adjourned, and the pupils returned to their homerooms.

Football Banquet

The football banquet held Wednesday, December 10, at 8:15 P. M. was throughly enjoyed by all. Mr. Roberts delivered a very good talk on the values of football. Two movies, the Orange Bowl game of 1946 and 1946 football practice, were shown. Mr. McCullom was chairman of this affair. The women who helped make the banquet a success were Mrs. Valz, Mrs. Wennik, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Mowatt, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Frederickson, Mrs. Fraser. Among the guests at the banquet was none other than that great coach, Ben Dimlick.

We wish to thank all who helped to make this banquet a success.

A Reminder

Don't forget! We get out of school Devember 23 at 11 a. m. and don't return until the next year—January 5, 1948. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us to you.

Christmas Program

A Christmas program was held at the Memorial Hall Library, Tuesday afternoon at 3:35. The motion picture, SCROOGE, taken from a CHRISTMAS CAROL by Charles Dickens was shown. All members of the Junior High were invited, and all those who went enjoyed it thoroughly.

Assemblies

The assembly this past week was in charge of Mr. Dimlich. He showed us two very interesting movies, one of which was on animal life on the desert. The other was a very interesting and colorful picture on Mexican life.

The assembly on Friday of this week will be "The Birds' Christmas Carol," sponsored by The Dramatic Club. The cast will be found in another column.

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SHAWSHEEN NEWS

THE PILOTEERS

The Shawsheen Piloteers of the Shawsheen Womens' Bowling League began their second half December 16th with the Devastators as the leading team.

Rowena Thompson almost beat her own high single of 129 by bowling 124. Rowena Thompson still holds high single with 129 and the high triple with 347. The Devastators hold the high team single with a score of 488. The high team triple is held by the Liberators with 1357.

Avengers

Battenbury	77	81	85	243
P. Calnan ..	89	85	81	255
M. Baillie ..	86	74	87	247
D. King ...	79	91	87	257
Average ...	75	75	75	225
Totals ...	406	406	415	1227

Wildcats

B. Blamire	76	88	72	236
M. Robinson	81	91	83	255
G. Driscoll	70	90	103	263
M. Young ..	89	77	106	272
R. Thompson	90	98	124	312
Total ..	406	444	480	1338

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Spitfires

M. Bailey ..	71	81	88	240
E. Justice	95	95	89	279
K. Rex	91	78	96	265
Average ...	87	87	87	261
Average ...	89	89	89	267
Total ...	433	430	449	1312

Devastators

McKinnon	76	76	105	257
Andrews ...	74	86	70	230
Best	91	84	98	273
Average ...	86	86	86	258
Average ...	84	84	84	252
Total ..	411	416	443	1270

Hurricanes

N. Flaherty	105	98	88	291
D. Jelliffe	73	76	80	229
E. Pelletier	83	78	88	249
H. Dunlop	106	85	90	281
Average ...	81	81	81	243
Total ..	448	418	427	1293

Liberators

M. Lowe ..	80	86	88	254
T. Berthel	86	78	101	265
R. Maxwell	73	85	79	237
Average ...	85	85	85	255
Average ...	84	84	84	252
Total ..	408	418	437	1253

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CHRISTMAS PLAY

A Christmas play given under the direction of Mrs. William Thompson was presented at the meeting of the dramatic group of the Shawsheen Village Woman's club held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arthur E. Steinert, on Union street.

The meeting was featured by the presentation of a going-away gift to Mrs. Philip A. Costello, former chairman of the dramatic group, who is to move shortly to Belmont.

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Daniel Richard of Fletcher street has been detained at his home by illness.

PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Past Matrons club of the O. E. S. will hold a Christmas party Monday night at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Hunter on Lowell road. The evening's entertainment will include supper, a Christmas tree, games and carol singing.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doherty, with their children Anne and Billy will occupy their new apartment at 10 Chapman avenue soon after the first of the year.

Edith Farnum who is attending Bennett Junior College in Mill Brook, New York, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Farnum, supervisor of art in Andover.

A group of Mt. Holyoke College women from Merrimack Valley met recently at the home of Mrs. Bertrand G. Peck. Among the guests was Mrs. Harold A. Smith of Needham.

Miss Letitia Noss has returned from Mt. Holyoke College to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Noss of Bartlet street.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bottomley and little daughter, Linda, are spending Christmas with relatives in their former home, Plainville, Conn.

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Mrs. Margaret Dodge of Middleboro, is visiting Miss Fonnie Davis of Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vogt of Boston, have recently moved into their new home at 1 Hall avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mortimer and their two daughters, Joan and Barbara, have moved from North Reading to Jenkins road.

Miss Helen McCarthy, teacher in the Bradlee school has gone to spend the vacation with her family in Concord, N. H.

Jack Eastham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Eastham, has returned from Princeton University for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Clara Baldwin of Summer street, has returned from a visit with friends in Springfield.

Miss Beatrice L. Goff, formerly of Andover, and secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Springfield, Ohio, is expected to visit with friends in town this week.

Miss Marjorie Smith of the Punchard High school faculty is at her home in Boston for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Helen Munro of the Punchard High school faculty will spend Christmas with relatives in Melrose.

Miss Frances Collins of Summer street is visiting in New York.

Miss Edith Flather has returned from Mt. Holyoke College for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson of Manchester, N. H., are spending Christmas with Mrs. Peterson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Stowers of Main street. Clifford Stowers is also home from Bowdoin College for the holidays.

William Christison of Princeton University is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Christison of Burnham road.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge have purchased the Gray house on Washington avenue, and hope to move in before the New Year.

Miss Barbara Crowley of Berkeley, Calif., is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Crowley of 17 Kenilworth street.

Miss Joan Blanchette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Curran, Jr., of "Greencourt", South Main street, is at home from House in the Pines, Norton, for the Christmas holidays. She plays basketball for the Green team at the school.

Charles A. Hill of Chestnut street has returned from the Massachusetts Osteopathic hospital in Boston where he had been undergoing treatment for several weeks.

Mrs. Arthur L. Cole of North Main street is at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the winter.

George Henderson, 18 of 21 Chester street, an employee of Phillips academy, was treated at the Lawrence General hospital Monday for burns of his hands and face received while at work. His condition is reported as good.

GRASS FIRE

Engine 1 answered a still alarm Friday at 9:23 a. m. to extinguish a grass fire in the rear of 94 Burnham road.

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THE DEEPER IT IS the better they like it, for snow always gives youngsters a chance to get out doors and have some fun. This happy trio enjoying Old King Winter's heavy snow blanket are, left to right, Tommy Emmons, Cynthia Byrnes and Barbara Emmons. (Look Photo)

Town Hall Activities

The selectmen at their meeting Monday night voted to have all liquor establishments close all day Christmas Day. They voted to allow an extra hour's opening on New Year's Eve until 1 a. m., January 1, when they will close until 1 p. m.

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The board voted to approve legislation proposed by the State Selectmen's Association, which provides that if a local board refuses a billboard permit the state board of public works will have no right to override the action.

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A slight increase in the charges for building permits, effective January 1, 1948, was voted, as follows:

New building construction: $2.00 minimum, plus $1.00 per $1,000 above $2,000.

Alterations: $1.00 minimum, plus $1.00 per $1,000, above $1,000.

Garages: $1.00 minimum, plus $1.00 per $1,000 above $1,000.

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Weddings...

LOVELY—JACKSON

At a quiet home ceremony at her parent's home in Danvers, Miss Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Jackson, was married to Mr. Charles V. Lovely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene V. Lovely, Wednesday evening, November 26.

DOLE—CUNIO

At a ceremony in St. Mary's shrine, Lawrence, the marriage of Lawrence Kenneth Dole of 2 Washington avenue, and Barbara R. Cunio of Methuen was solemnized December 20 by the Rev. William P. Kelley.

Obituary...

Funeral services for Phillips Pasho, who died at his home, 35 Pearson street Sunday on his 66th birthday, were conducted on Wednesday morning in St. Augustine's church with a high mass of requiem sung by the Rev. Thomas P. Fogarty. Interment was in St. Augustine's cemetery where the Rev. Henry B. Smith read committal services.

The bearers were: Elroy Wade, Barker Higgins, Charles Lundergan, Edward Kirwin, John Ronan, and James Coleman.

Mr. Pasho is survived by his wife, Mary E. (Kelley) Pasho; two daughters, Mary, wife of Charles Lundergan, and Helen K. Pasho; a brother, James F., a grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

At the Churches

Baptist Church

Rev. Wendell L. Bailey, Pastor

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church School for all departments; 10:45, Morning Worship; Junior Church for the Children; Sermon by the Pastor: "Push on Toward the Promise".

Monday, 2:30 p. m., Woman's Union will go to the home of Mrs. Pullan, Highland Road; 6:30, Inter-Church Basketball gam s.

Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., Prayer Cell meeting at the home of Miss Edna Todd.

Wednesday, 2:30 p. m., Pioneer Girls meet in the vestry; 6:30, Watch Night Service. Games, Moving Pictures and refreshments in the vestry. Watch Night Service in the Sanctuary.

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Methodist Church

Ballardvale

Rev. Mr. Crawford, Minister

Sunday, 10:30 a. m., Morning Worship and sermon, followed by concert given by pupils of the Primary department; 11:40, Church School with classes for all ages.

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South Church

Rev. Frederick B. Noss, Pastor

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church school and the Junior Church; 9:30, High School class; 9:30, Men's Group; 10:45, Morning Worship and Sermon; 10:45, Church Kindergarten; 11:15, Educational motion pictures; 6:00 p. m., Young People's society.

Monday, 7:00 p. m., Inter-Church basketball league.

Wednesday, 10:00 a. m., All-Day sewing meeting of the Women's union.

Friday, 7:15 p. m., Troop 73, Boy Scouts.

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St. Augustine's Church

Rev. Thomas A Fogarty, Pastor

Friday, 7:45 p. m., Devotions to St. Nicholas, and Novena to St. Therese.

Saturday, 4 to 6 p. m., and 7:30 to 9 p. m., Confessions.

Sunday, Masses at 6:30, 8:30, 9:45 and 11:30 a. m., Benediction following last mass.

Daily Mass, 7:30 a. m.

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St. Joseph's Church

Ballardvale

Sunday, Mass at 9:00 a. m.

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Union Congregational Church

Ballardvale

Rev. Philip M. Kelsey, Minister

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church School; 11:00, Morning Worship with sermon; 7:00 p. m., Skating party by Young People's group.

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West Parish Church

Rev. John Gilbert Gaskill, Minister

Sunday, 10:30 a. m., Children's Service of Worship; Sermon, "The New Year". Classes for adults and Teen agers; 11:00, Morning Service of Worship, Music by the Choir under direction of Mrs. Dean Hodgins; Sermon, "Our Christian Freedom"; 7:30 p. m., Sunday Evening Fellowship of Young People, President, Delos Penwell.

Monday, Basketball will be played at the High School Gym by our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Teams.

Marriage Intentions

The following intentions of marriage have been filed at the office of the Town Clerk:

Aram Martin, 8 Fayette street, Milford, and Sophie Leosigian, Pleasant street.

Edward Joseph Morgan, Prospect Road, and Mary Claire Darby, 76 Essex street.

Henry Cornelius Burbine, 8 Lewis street, and Mary Leona Wakefield, River street.

Durwood Wells Moody, 418 Andover street, and Esther Jessie Hibbert, 34½ Maple avenue.

Births

A boy Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Lawrence General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Stocks, County road. The mother is the former Doris Goff.

A son Monday at the Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shepard, 3 Cuba street. The mother was Ruth Doherty.

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ASSESSORS' NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 29
TO ALL PERSONS SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE TOWN OF ANDOVER

All individuals, partnerships, associations or trusts, and corporations, residents of, or owning property located in, this town are hereby notified that they are required to bring in to the Local Board of Assessors in the form prescribed by Henry F. Long, Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation
ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1948
TRUE LISTS OF POLLS AND PROPERTY, as follows:
ON FORM OF LIST 2

POLLS — MALE INHABITANTS above the age of 20 on January 1, 1948, whether citizens of the United States or aliens, are liable for a poll tax.

Males between the ages of 20 and 21 are to be reported by, and in the place of residence of, their parents or guardians. If such a male minor has no parent or guardian in Massachusetts, he is personally liable for a poll tax as if he were of full age.

Any male inhabitant 21 years of age or over who is under guardianship is to be reported by his guardian in the place where such guardian is taxed for his own poll.

PERSONAL ESTATE—ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION is required to be listed under the items given on Form of List 2.

RESIDENTS need not include INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY the income from which, if any, is included in a Massachusetts Income Tax Return filed in the same year.

NON-RESIDENTS, including certain foreign insurance companies, and foreign corporations which are engaged exclusively in interstate commerce, are NOT entitled to any exemption on account of TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, which includes all MERCHANDISE, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE and FIXTURES.

Note.—A person is not entitled to any abatement of a tax on personal property unless a list is seasonably filed, except as provided in General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 61.

REAL ESTATE — ALL REAL ESTATE SUBJECT TO TAXATION in Andover on January 1, 1948.

Sworn statements which may be made by mortgagors or mortgagees under General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 34, must be filed on or before January 31, 1948.

In the case of any person claiming exemption under General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, clauses 17, 18, 20 or 23, a full list of all such person's property, both real and personal, must be filed with the assessors.

NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 1948
ON FORM 3 (ABC)
TRUE LISTS MUST BE RETURNED OF ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY HELD FOR LITERARY, TEMPERANCE, BENEVOLENT, CHARITABLE OR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES ON JANUARY 1, 1948, or, at the election of the corporation, on the last day of its fiscal year last preceding January 1, 1948, such lists to include the amount of RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR SAID PURPOSES during the year of the return.

FRATERNAL BENEFIT CORPORATIONS which make returns to the Commissioner of Insurance under General Laws, Chapter 176, Section 38, are not required to file this list.

ROY E. HARDY
J. EVERETT COLLINS
H. R. SHEPARD
BOARD OF ASSESSORS OF ANDOVER

January 1, 1948.

Blanks for Form of List 2 and for Form 3 (ABC) may be obtained at the Office of the Board of Assessors or will be mailed by the Assessors upon request.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT
Essex, ss.

To John M. Erving, individually, of Andover, in said County of Essex, Fannie E. Arundale, individually, of Westfield, in the State of New Jersey, Mary E. Lindsay and Eva Weckes, both of Fresno, in the State of California, and Harry B. Erving, of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

A petition has been presented to said Court by John M. Erving and said Fannie E. Arundale, executors of the will of Mary B. Erving, otherwise known as Mary Bell Erving, late of said Andover, deceased, testate, praying that the Court will construe the will as prayed for in said petition, and for such other and further relief as to said Court may seem proper.

If you desire to be heard thereon you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem within twenty-one days from the twenty-ninth day of December, 1947, the return day of this citation, and also file an answer or other pleading within twenty-one days thereafter.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., *Register*
(11, 18, 25)

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PROBATE COURT
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To all persons interested in the estate of George A. Mellen, late of Andover in said County, deceased, and to the estate of Maude B. Mellen, former executor. The first and final account of the executors of the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1947, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., *Register*
Rowell, Clay & Tomlinson,
301 Essex Street,
Lawrence, Massachusetts
(11, 18, 25)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT
Essex, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Mary Phillips Banfield late of Andover in said County, deceased.

The administrator of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance his first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of January 1948, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., *Register.*
From the Office of:
Anna M. Greeley
Attorney-at-Law
National Bank Bldg.
Andover, Mass.
(18, 25, J1)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT
Essex, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Annie Barker Lord, otherwise known as Annie B. Lord late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Richard N. Lord of Tuckahoe in the State of New York praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of January 1948, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., *Register.*
Rowell, Clay & Tomlinson,
301 Essex Street,
Lawrence, Massachusetts. (18, 25, J1)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT
Essex, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Maude B. Mellen, late of Andover in said County, deceased. The executors of the will of said deceased have presented to said Court for allowance their first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1947, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., *Register*
Rowell, Clay & Tomlinson,
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Lawrence, Massachusetts
(11, 18, 25)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(SEAL)
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

(D.P.U. 7992)

Boston, December 18, 1947

Upon the petition of Lawrence Gas and Electric Company for determination by the Department that public convenience and necessity require a location for its lines over a portion of Mill Street, a right of way laid out in the Harold Parker State Forest in the town of Andover, the Department of Public Utilities will hold a public hearing at its hearing room, 166 State House, Boston, on Monday the twenty-ninth day of December, 1947 at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

And the petitioner is required to give notice of said hearing by publication hereof once prior to said date in the Andover Townsman, to serve a copy hereof by registered mail at least three days prior to said date on the Chairman of the Selectmen and the Town Clerk of the town of Andover and on the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation, and to make return of service and publication at the time of hearing.

By order of the Department,
(Sgd.) FOSTER COUSENS
Administrative Secretary

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT
Essex, ss.

To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will of George Ripley late of Andover in said County, deceased, for the benefit of Mary E. Ripley and others. The thirtieth to the thirty-fourth accounts inclusive of said trust have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Lawrence before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twelfth day of January 1948, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., *Register*
(D25-J1-8)

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Veterans Activities

V. F. W. POST 2128

Children's Christmas Party

A Christmas Party for the children of the members of the post and auxiliary of the Andover Veterans of Foreign Wars, 2128, will be held on December 27, at 2 p. m. in the post rooms, Musgrove building. Names of all children that are to attend this party must be turned in to either the Commander, William Hulse, Sr. Vice Commander, G. Alton Porter or Adj. Thomas Eldred before Wednesday night so that the proper number can be taken care of.

V. F. W. Paper Drive

The next paper drive to be held by the Andover post 2128 Veterans of Foreign Wars will be conducted on Sunday, January 11, in the afternoon. Save your paper from the holiday and have it out on that date and it will be collected by the trucks.

The money from these drives goes toward the Post building fund.

45's Tournament

January 16 is the date. Adjutant Thomas Eldred is in charge. Arrangements are being made to accommodate a large number of guests.

V. F. W. AUXILIARY NOTES

Sunday the Ladies Auxiliary to the Andover post 2128 Veterans of Foreign Wars visited the Veterans of World War 1 and II at the Essex Sanitorium, Middleton and presented each with a Christmas Check.

At a recent meeting held in the post room, Miss Cornelia Yancy was entertained with a shower given her by the officers and members of the Auxiliary. Miss Yancy was presented a purse of money which showered from a Rose petal Bell. Refreshments were served by Mrs. George Symonds, Mrs. Charles Spinney, Mrs. Joseph Hines and Mrs. Herbert Folley..

Next meeting will be held on January 14. Miss Esther Sullivan, District President of Salem, Mass. will make her official visit. Officers will wear their uniforms. Refreshments will be served after the meeting with Mrs. Fred Yancy as chairman.

Mrs Herbert Folley, hospital chairman for the Essex County Council Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Mrs. Harold Ingalls of Marblehead visited the Essex Sanitorium, Middleton, Sunday afternoon and presented the Veterans of World Wars I and II with Christmas Gifts.

Sunday, December 28 there will be a meeting of the Essex County in Marblehead. State Department President Mrs. Hazel Babbitt will be present.

Mrs. Dean K. Webster, Jr., of Sunset Rock road, was pleasantly remembered with a gift at a recent Christmas party of the Overseas Wives' club at the International Institute, Lawrence. Mrs. Webster was local chairman of the club.

Miss Barbara Barnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster C. Barnard of Cabot road, and a freshman at Centenary Junior college, Hackettstown, N. J., is home for the Christmas holidays.

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